

The image features a central tree with a brown trunk and branches, adorned with green leaves and large, stylized blue flowers. A prominent red banner with a white border is superimposed over the tree's trunk, containing the word "MANTRAS" in bold, white, uppercase letters. The background is a textured, light brown surface with a repeating pattern of various tools, including axes, saws, and hammers, rendered in shades of blue and brown. The overall aesthetic is that of a hand-drawn or paper-cut style illustration.

MANTRAS

Mantras (April 11 to May 9)

Teams and businesses often use mantras to inspire, to remind, and to define. From “Just Do It” to “Clear Eyes, Full Hearts, Can’t Lose,” these mantras are memorable. Likewise, every church has metaphors or phrases helping define core values, vision, and mission. Redemption is no different. These phrases help us define what this church is all about. Phrases like “Be The Branch,” “Catch The Wind,” “Grip The Plow,” “Empty The Jar,” and “Wreck The Roof” are quick and memorable ways for us to remember to keep our eyes focused on the true priorities of Jesus and His church.

Group Discussion

Scripture: John 15:1-11

Getting started: *If you had to get a tattoo, or a new tattoo, what would it say?*

1. Read John 15:5. Why do you think Jesus chose these words to say to his disciples right before he would be arrested and crucified?
2. We said in the sermon, “When you know who you are, you know what to do.” Do you agree or disagree with this statement. Why?
3. “Be the Branch” means that our primary focus will never be on production, but on connection. Why is this important? Do you ever tend to get this backwards?
4. Read John 15:1 and John 15:11. Jesus says that he is the true vine, which implies that there are some fake vines too. What are some examples of fake or imitation vines? Why are fake vines dangerous?
5. Read John 15:6. When branches are disconnected from the vine they’re just dead sticks that don’t produce real fruit. As you examine your life are you “being the branch” and bearing fruit, or are you “being the stick” with only fake fruit?

Next Steps

Being the branch means being connected to Jesus, the true vine.

1. How can you stay connected to Jesus this week?
2. What are you currently doing, or being called to do, that will fail if Jesus isn't in it?



*May 14 & 15. A two-day event for men.
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